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Mr. Dave Sticklo
WMAR-TV
Towson, Md.

Dear Dave,

This is not the kind of goose egg you associate me with, but if you will read it you will find it is the biggest ever.

The form of the book is explained in the Preface, as is its history and the need for such an unorthodox presentation. We have gone further into debt to bring the book out this way only because we believe it had to be done. We are not without confidence in its ultimate success. I hope it will now "break the ice" and attract normal publication.

After it was in the hands of the printer I got two offers for winter publication. I believe the subject must be aired now and I believe it is necessary to focus on the Report and the staff, not the Commission and its members, for the whole story and the whole truth to now come out to the degree that is yet possible.

If you have any doubts at all, just thumb through the appendix. But I'd rather have you read it from the beginning, learning the reluctance of the publishers to in any possible way treat the assassination of an American President and the strange inquest that followed; and then, with an understanding of the situation that confronted the government and the problems of the members of the Commission, you will, I think, better understand the documentation of the whitewash of this tragic event that follows with the retelling of the story as misrepresented in the Report and as the evidence shows. The information in the final chapters, especially on the number of shots and the autopsy, together with the Postscript, is still shocking to me.

My wife was my only assistant, and she really labored. Her typing alone on this runs to close to three-quarters of a million words, and she also helped with the research and the typing. A year ago, well after the book was done, we computed that we then had more than 7,000 hours of work in it.

As yet we have made no arrangements for distribution. I hope it will be possible. We have no funds, so there is no advertising or public-relations budget. I am hopeful that the book and its contents will attract enough interest to make it go. If there is anything you can do to help, we'll certainly appreciate it.

And if you have any questions, please ask me.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg